for restructuring of first degree level courses in Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences to link them with work, field and practical experience and productivity. The UGC has also appointed an Expert Committee to identify Vocational Courses to provide continuity of vocational stream at +2 level. Apart from the above UGC is already extending support in Computer Sciences, Electronics, Home Science, Management & Mass-Media Communications which equip the students with vocational skills.

National Lands use and Waste Lands Development Council

4372. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National land use and Wastelands Development Council to develop such lands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the achievements made so far to use the wastelands in the country, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The National Land Use and Wastelands Development Council was established in May, 1985 with a view to placing proper emphasis on the twin objectives of proper land use and development of wastelands. The Council in the highest policy planning and coordinating agency for issues concerning the health and scientific management of the country's land resources. It oversees the work of the National Wastelands Development Board in the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the National Land Use and Conservation Board in the Ministry of Agriculture.

(c) The National Wastelands Development Board was established in 1985 with the mandate of undertaking wastelands development through a massive programme of afforestation and tree planting with people's participation. The Board is also the nodal agency at the Central level to coordinate and monitor the afforestation/tree planting activities under the 20 – Point Programme.

The State-wise achievements during the Seventh Five Year Plant period (1985-90) and in the year 1990-91 under afforestation and tree planting activities in the country is given in attached Statement.

STATEMENT

(Area in Hectares)

Sl. No.	*States/U.Ts.*	*VII th Plan (1985-90)*	*Seedlings for Planting on Private Lands*	*1990-91 @ Area (Public lands including forest lands*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	727579.50	1612.00	21600.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	31276.50	1.79	5516.00
3.	Assam	115107.00	18.47	24754.00 *
4.	Bihar	666970.00	242.15	37081.00
5.	Goa	16879.00	24.50	1349.90
6.	Gujarat	740605.50	2356.36	485885.00
7.	Haryana	159046.50	224.30	40094.00
8.	Himachal Pradesh	164760.50	135.57	25370.00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	113306.00	112.45	15773.25
10.	Karnataka	666984.50	763.16	30199.00
11.	Kerala	310827.50	164.11	5974.84
12.	Madhya Pradesh	992115.00	464.40	7542.00

(Area in Hectares)

Sl. No.	States/U.Ts.	VII th Plan (1985-90)	Seedlings for Planting on Private Lands	1990-91 @ Area (Public lands including forest lands
1	2	3	4	5
13.	Maharashtra	858193.00	1188.86	122955.35
14.	Manipur	44162.50	24.00	9450.00
15.	Meghalaya	57067.00	25.33	6650.00*
16.	Mizoram	102777.50	182.50	8250.00
17.	Nagaland	822675.00	105.00	15412.00
18.	Orissa	552234.50	191.96	58401.70
19.	Punjab	132301.00	143.18	9950.00
20.	Rajasthan	284945.00	399.11	52147.00
21.	Sikkim	30045.50	8.40	4275.00
22.	Tamil Nadu	429243.50	215.10	42493.00
23.	Tripura	63356.50	63.00	10950.00
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1189689.00	3122.84	61083.62

(Area in Hectares)

Sl. No.	States/U.Ts.	VII th Plan (1985-90)	Seedlings for Planting on Private Lands	1990-91 @ Area (Public lands including forest lands
1	2	3	4	5
25.	West Bengal	303404.00	847.00	19796.00
26.	A & N Islands	26685.50	3.38	3122.25
27.	Chandigarh	727.50	0.07	177.00
28.	D & N Haveli	8349.50	3.82	868.00
29.	Daman & Diu	202.00	0.67	40.00*
30.	Delhi	10749.50	45.65	1660.00
31.	Lakshadweep	296.50	2.86	42.00
32.	Pondicherry	2777.00	1.17	65.80 *
		8885539.50	12693.76	759127.71

* Tentative

@ With effect from 1990-91 the targets and achievements are being worked out on two paramenters – namely (a) " Seedling Distrubution" for planting on private lands and (b) "Area Coverage" of public lands, including forest lands.